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Dear Mr. Baker,

Your letter of June 15 was forwarded to me here in Israel. Our sabbatical year will be over shortly, and we will be back in the States in the middle of August. The year has been a wonderful success for all of us. My work at the Weizmann Institute has gone very well, and I have learned a great deal about viruses that infect animal cells, a new area of biology for me. I hope to continue some of this work when I return home. All four of the children have been very happy and adjusted better to the change in their lives than we might have imagined. They all speak fluent Hebrew now, having attended the regular public schools since the first of September. They are even managing to get good grades, in spite of the challenge of having everything taught in Hebrew. My husband, on leave from his law firm, has been working on problems in ethics in relation to biological advances, a long time interest, but one for which he never before had sufficient time. In addition to all of this, we have travelled some 13,000 miles in this small country, seeing places of both modern and biblical interest, as well as of great scenic beauty.

You were very kind to write to me about the appointment at Wesleyan. I don't have to tell you that Bob Rosenbaum has been a faithful mentor for me. It is him that I must thank for this interesting new position. I am not at all sure how I will manage in a situation where decisions have to be made, but I am looking forward to the try.

I did know about Marian Edelman's election as it was announced last spring prior to our departure. I was, of course, pleased with the result .... mainly because of what it says about Yale Alumni. I am looking forward to finding out how Marian is doing when I return to the States and resume contact with her.

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I am also looking forward to resuming activities with a Yale Graduate School Association. Although a sabbatical year is good just because one has a chance to stand away from activities of this sort, it also serves to emphasize what an important part they play in making daily life both interesting and worthwhile.

I am very grateful indeed for your letter and your kindness to me, both for keeping me informed about matters of mutual concern and for your interest in my own activities. I am looking forward to seeing you in New Haven next year.

Sincerely yours,

Maxine Singer